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PAN-CARIBBEAN DISASTER PREVENTION TEAM SET UP

FL261926 Bridgetown CANA in English 1546 GMT 26 Nov 81

[Excerpt] Bridgetown, Barbados, 26 Nov (CANA) -- A two-year Pan-Caribbean disaster preparedness and prevention project has been set up in Antigua. The main task of the project will be to assist eastern Caribbean governments in planning preparedness and prevention programs based on threats and the impact of natural disasters on economic and social development. The scheme is financed by the European Development Fund (EDE) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), with sponsorship from several organizations in the region. The Eastern Caribbean Common Market, the United Nations Disaster Relief Office, the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance of USAID, the European Development Fund (EDF), the International League of Red Cross, the Pan-American Health Organization and the Caribbean Common Market are included. A team of experts and consultants to work toward achieving the aims of the project has been established at the Antigua headquarters.

SELA CONFERENCE OPENS IN PANAMA CITY ON 30 NOV

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PA301845 Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish 1408 GMT 30 Nov 81

[Speech by Panamanian President Aristides Royo at SELA foreign ministers meeting at Atlapa Convention Center in Panama City 30 Nov 81 -- live]

[Text] Mssrs foreign ministers of friendly countries and Panama; Vice President Ricardo de la Espriella; Mr Carlos Alzamora, SELA permanent secretary; distinguished guests:

I am greatly pleased that this first meeting of the SELA foreign ministers has been convoked here in Panama. The people are awaiting your decisions, your courage, honesty, dignity and your sense of consequence. For many years Latin America has been trying to unite. Today we are pleased to see one more attempt, and I dare say this is the most serious attempt to form a common Latin American front ever made in the history of our countries. Let us hope this attempt will not fail because it would mean a great sense of failure and frustration to all our countries.

I would like to thank all of you, who through Foreign Minister Zambrano of Venezuela, have frankly, decidedly and decisively expressed the support of all the nations you represent for the cause of Panama, and the feeling that the signing of the Torrijos-Carter treaties did not end the nation's struggle since its struggles and difficulties continue regarding compliance with those treaties. Let us hope that this support given to Panama, as expressed through Foreign Minister Zambrano, will serve as a pivot for all the others unities that must be achieved in Latin America. Just as this unity was achieved about a cause which became international through the international efforts of that great Latin American leader, now deceased, Gen Omar Torrijos -- let us hope, I repeat, that this sense of support and unity can be raised around other Latin American struggles or difficulties.

Simon Bolivar once wrote a letter to General Piar about the dissent among the independence armies, "I'd rather fight the Spaniards than have an argument among the patriots." We Latin Americans have often preferred to fight among ourselves rather than disagree with the United States. That attitude, that policy must never change.

When speaking of unity on economic matters and tariffs for the protection of our products, so that we may be treated with more justice, there is a question that in our opinion should also be raised in the minds of all present, particularly in your hearts.

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Josie Elected Chairman

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[Text] Castries, St Lucia, 3 Dec (CANA) -- St Lucia's Foreign Minister Peter Josie was today elected chairman of the 11th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) taking place here. Josie's election, which was expected, came this morning during the assembly's first plenary session at the La Toc hotel, just outside of Castries. One of his first acts was to preside over the formal admission of two new member states to the organization: St Vincent and the Grenadines and Antigua-Barbuda, both of which sent observers to the meeting.

Leader of the Jamaica delegation, Cherrie Orr, speaking after the admission of St Vincent and the Grenadines said it was his country's belief that the more members there were in the OAS "the better the organization will function." Several other delegation heads spoke in favor of the admission of the new member states.

Josie's Opening Speech

FL030147 Bridgetown CANA in English 0015 GMT 3 Dec 81

[By Guy Ellis]

[Text] Castries, Saint Lucia, 2 Dec (CANA) -- Saint Lucia's Foreign Minister Peter Josie tonight sounded a note of warning to aid donors with a declaration that the English-speaking Caribbean would never compromise its principles in its international relations. Addressing the opening session of the 11th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) here, Mr Josie also said that Caribbean people were a proud people and "the philosophy of the mendicant is an abomination to us notwithstanding centuries of colonialism and neo-colonialism."

Attending the General Assembly are foreign ministers of nearly all 27-member states of the OAS, including United States Secretary of State Alexander Haig who heard Mr Josie's tough no-nonsense statement mere hours after he had arrived here.

The Saint Lucian foreign minister started out by acknowledging various forms of assistance made to Saint Lucia by friendly countries in the hemisphere in recent years. Quoting late Prime Minister Dr Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago, he declared: "Let us not have traded our independence for any aspect of neocolonialism".

The outspoken Saint Lucia minister added: "We do not wish to be reminded of any input into our area in terms of what we are expected to pay for it. If there is a payment forthcoming, then inform us before the gift is given and not after. We demand the right to refuse any offer of assistance after having considered the conditions of the offer in relation to our own interests. We will not be deterred by recriminations from any quarter nor shall we accept unsolicited advice on how we ought to conduct our foreign policy.

"We maintain that aid must be uncompromising and unconditional. We will judge the legitimacy of the interest of the donors and will treat them with the spirit of their donations. But we will never compromise our principles or what we believe to be just and fair in our international relations. The respect that a donor state deserves in our view is determined by the righteousness of its cause and the legitimacy of its interests."

Mr Josie said the Caribbean "totally and unconditionally rejects the beggar's posture" and believed that, given the proper opportunities, they could marshall their resources to achieve a more satisfactory level of economic existence and well-being for their people.

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FIRST MULTIPARTY GROUP MEETING DRAWS CROWDS

PY182129 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 0130 GMT 17 Dec 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 16 Dec (NA) -- About 3,000 persons shouting slogans against the military government filled the Radical headquarters tonight and overflowed into the street, interrupting traffic, during the ceremony at which the multiparty group released its proposal to surmount the present crisis in Argentina.

"Nobody wants Galtieri and Nicolaides," "Military dictatorship will end," "National unity and popular democracy," "The people to power and the military to the barracks" and "The people united will never be defeated" were the main slogans during the ceremony presided over by the leaders of the five parties comprising the multiparty group. The ceremony, the first one carried by the political quintet, was held in the "Pedro Duhalde" lounge at the Radical Party main offices, where former leader Ricardo Balbin had lay in state.

After singing the national anthem and reading the text of the document "Before it is too late, proposal and call on the nation," speeches were delivered by leaders Carlos Contin of the radicals, Dolindo Bittel of the Justicialists, Oscar Allende of the Intransigent Party, Arturo Frondizi of the Integration and Development Movement and Francisco Cerro of the Christian Democrats.

The people congregated at the crossing of Alsina Street and Entre Rios Avenue, in front of the Radical offices and only 200 meters from the national congress building. They followed the ceremony's first part through loudspeakers, but police later ordered their removal. Six police cars were guarding the place. Federal Police Chief Juan Sasiain arrived almost at the end of the ceremony and stayed for about a quarter of an hour. Col Arias Duval, head of metropolitan security, asked the politicians to remove the loudspeakers from the street, arguing that the permit issued to them authorized only a ceremony inside the premises. After talking to Radical leader Ruben Rabanal, police ordered a technician to cut the loudspeaker wires. This brought a reaction from the people in the street, who started shouting, "Go away, go away."

Delegations from all the political parties of the multiparty group occupied a dais behind the leaders. In the front rows were around 50 Argentine and foreign journalists, and behind them were delegations from the political parties which became members of the multiparty group, from the Plaza de Mayo Mothers, the General Labor Confederation and other business, professional and student organizations.

NAMES OF SIX MORE CABINET MINISTERS ANNOUNCED

PY181959 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1940 GMT 18 Dec 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 18 Dec (TELAM) -- Maj Gen Alfredo Oscar Saint Jean, secretary general of the army and interior minister-designate, announced here today the names of the new ministers who will take part in the administration of Lt Gen Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri. They are:

Minister of foreign relations	Nicanor Costa Mendez
Minister of defense	Amadeo Frugoli
Minister of economy	Roberto Alemann
Minister of culture and education	Cayetano Licciardo
Minister of public works and services	Sergio Martini
Minister of justice	Lucar Lennon

[Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish at 1734 GMT on 18 December reports that Galtieri has appointed Rodolfo Baltierrez as new public information secretary. It adds that Baltierrez is a well-known journalist, was tourism and broadcasting secretary in 1970 and has been ambassador to Costa Rica, Panama, and Israel.

[TELAM at 1815 GMT on 19 December reports that Galtieri has designated Brig Gen Luis Santiago Martella to be chief of the federal police, replacing Maj Gen Juan Bautista Sasiain.]

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